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Sunday: 7am, 9am and 5.30pm
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Monday to Friday
8am Saturday
& Public Holidays

Reconciliation:

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Spread the Word

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Message from His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 1 September

"You shall thus hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim a release throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you." (Lev 25:10)



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Each year, particularly since the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* (*LS*, 24 May 2015), the first day of September is celebrated by the Christian family as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of the Season of Creation, which concludes on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on the fourth of October. During this period, Christians worldwide renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home.

I am very pleased that the theme chosen by the ecumenical family for the celebration of the 2020 Season of Creation is *Jubilee for the Earth*, precisely in this year that marks the fiftieth anniversary of Earth Day. In the Holy Scriptures, a Jubilee is a sacred time to remember, return, rest, restore, and rejoice.

1. A Time to Remember

We are invited to remember above all that creation's ultimate destiny is to enter into God's eternal Sabbath. This journey, however, takes place in time, spanning the seven-day rhythm of the week, the cycle of seven years, and the great Jubilee Year that comes at the end of the seven Sabbath years.

A Jubilee is indeed a time of grace to remember creation's original vocation to exist and flourish as a community of love. We exist only in relationships: with God the Creator, with our brothers and sisters as members of a common family, and with all of God's creatures within our common home. "Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth" (*LS*, 92)

A Jubilee, then, is a time of remembrance, in which we cherish the memory of our inter-relational existence. We need constantly to remember that "everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others" (*LS*, 70).

The next part of the message will be published next week.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 6 September

- 12.30pm Baptisms – Church

Monday 7 September

45th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church

- 10.30am Funeral: Agatina Ragonese – Church

- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 8 September

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 4.00pm First Holy Communion Practice – Church

Thursday 10 September

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

Friday 11 September

- 6.00pm First Holy Communion Mass – Church

Saturday 12 September

- 10.00am Funeral: Lilian Marquez – Church

Sunday 13 September

- 1.00pm First Holy Communion Mass – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time
Edna O'Brien, Peter Marrinan, Malcolm Gomez, Anna Maria D'Souza and the recently deceased Gustav Grech, Joan Shapland, Joyce Searle, Milena Piazza, Paul Kinh Le, Pat Schatz.

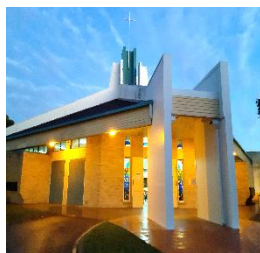
Blessing of Fathers on Father's Day

*God our Father,
in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless these men,
that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.*

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45th Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of Graces Church

On Monday 7 September, we celebrate 45 years since the consecration and dedication of Our Lady of Graces Church. We will formally celebrate the anniversary at both the 6.30am & 9am Masses.



Celebrating the anniversary gives us, the local Church, the opportunity to give thanks for the faith that has been passed on from generation to generation and pray for continued blessings and renewal.

Sacramental Program: First Holy Communion

Over the last couple of months, children have been preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The children, together with their families, will be celebrating First Holy Communion Masses over the next couple of weeks. Due to COVID-19 and the limit on numbers allowed in the church, these Masses will be celebrated on weekday evenings and Sunday afternoon. We pray for the children as they complete their final stage of preparation.



Pontifical Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection

Pope Francis has rescheduled the Holy Land collection, which is usually taken up on Good Friday, to Sunday 13 September.

If you wish to contribute to this collection, envelopes will be available from the back tables next weekend. Place your donation in the envelope and drop the envelope into one of the collection boxes.

National Child Protection Week & Sunday

This week, 6-12 September, is 30th year of National Child Protection Week. The theme this year is 'Putting children first'. Putting children first means prioritising the safety and wellbeing of children.

The Church in Australia will mark National Child Protection Week with Child Protection Sunday next weekend, 12-13 September.

Safeguarding: Blue Card Forms

This week Blue Card Services have implemented changes for the applying and renewing of blue cards. The blue card forms valid until 31 March 2020 have now expired. Therefore, please do not submit these forms.

The parish is currently waiting for an update from the Archdiocese regarding these changes and any updates for blue card applications or renewals. It is asked that if you need to apply for or renew a blue card, please first contact either our Local Safeguarding Representative (Carmen Kee via email safeguardolog@gmail.com / phone 0420 938 835) or Chris at the Parish Office.

Handmade Face Masks

A teacher at St Martin's School is making handmade material face masks. These face masks are washable and have an insert for a replaceable filter. This filter can be a cut out piece from your old environmental shopping bag, a piece of paper towel or a coffee filter.



Due to increased cost and demand, the price is now **\$8 each**. To order, please contact the parish office.

Electrical Upgrade Work

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week (9-11 September), the parish building will be having some important electrical upgrade work. During this upgrade, there will be a limited amount of electricity to the parish building.

The 6.30am & 9am Masses will continue as normal each morning and the Parish Office will remain open. However, no groups will be using the Parish Library on these days due to no electricity to this room.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while this important work is happening.

Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Graces Parish

- Book online via the home page of www.carinacatholicparish.org.au. **Bookings open each week on Monday morning.**
- Parishioners who do not have internet access may contact the parish office to make a booking.
- Registration for Sunday Mass closes each Friday at 12 noon. This allows for the registration lists to be finalised and printed on Friday afternoon.
- The front door of the church is opened 30 minutes prior to Mass.
- We ask parishioners to book a seat each week for Sunday Mass. Please do not rely on space being available and just turn up at Mass. Registration will ensure that a space is available for you.
- Parishioners may need to be flexible, in that their preferred Mass Time might already be full with 100 people attending.
- Experience is that Saturday 6pm & Sunday 9am Masses reach the booking limit of 100 people each week. The Sunday 7am & 5.30pm Masses usually do not reach the booking limit of 100 people.
- *Note: All Catholics remain dispensed from their Sunday obligation.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation currently is only being celebrated by appointment. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

Current COVID-19 Restrictions

Based on the current restrictions of one person per 4 square metres rule, 100 people can gather in Our Lady of Graces Church at one time.

As part of our COVID Safe Plan, we need to comply with the following:

- Stay at home if you are vulnerable or unwell.
- Appropriate physical distancing of 1.5 metres.
- Record the contact details of those who attend for contact tracing. These are kept confidentially and securely for 56 days and then destroyed.
- Cleaning protocols after each gathering.

Living the Gospel – Facing the issue

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pastoral Ministers Association Gathering

The Pastoral Ministers Association is hosting their next Gathering Day on Friday 11 September, 9.15am – 2.30pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct. The presenter will be local composer, teacher, performer and liturgist, Michael Mangan. Michael's sessions will cover *Let the Children Come: Towards more child and family friendly liturgy*, and *We Believe: Using the Arts – especially music in the celebration of the Sacraments*.

RSVP: Friday 4th September (please advise diet requirements) ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3440.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

COVID restrictions are preventing the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, held each year at the Cathedral of St Stephen, in the usual way.

However, on Saturday 26 September at the 11.30am Mass, Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass for the special intentions of all couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage.

If any couple celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary are in good health and wish to attend the Mass in person, please contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or register on-line via <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass--reconciliation-times.html>. The Mass will be live-streamed via the Cathedral website.

Archdiocesan Online Multicultural Mass

Parishioners are invited to tune in on the Archdiocese of Brisbane's live webcast of the Multicultural Mass at 2:20pm for the 2:30pm Mass start on Sunday, 27 September. The link is archbne.org/bzw.

The Multicultural Mass is an opportunity to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and the richness that this diversity brings to the life of the Australian church.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A weekend experience for married couples, daytime, going home on the Saturday evening – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship.

Our next COVID-SAFE live-out weekend will be held from **24-25 October 2020** at Hendra (Brisbane inner suburb) from Saturday morning until Sunday afternoon (including Mass).

For bookings or details contact: Maria and David Murphy, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au or (07) 3342 1456, For further information, visit www.wwme.org.au

"The Catholic Church in Colonial Queensland 1859 – 1918"

Fr Chris Hanlon's new book entitled "The Catholic Church in Colonial Queensland 1859 – 1918" has been launched and is available for \$40. To purchase a book, phone Archdiocesan Archives on 3324 3433.

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